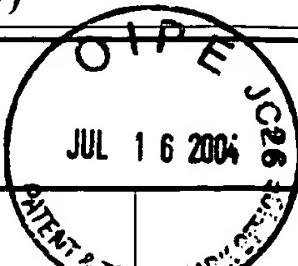


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.
P-5055D1

In Re Application Of: T.R. Hansen et al.



Serial No.
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Invention: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANIPULATING MAGNETIC PARTICLES IN FLUID SAMPLES TO COLLECT DNA OR RNA FROM A SAMPLE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of February 12, 2004 above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month	<input type="checkbox"/> Two months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months
from: _____	May 12, 2004	until: _____	August 12, 2004	_____
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Date</i>	

The fee for the extension of time is \$950 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
 - The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1666
 - If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1666

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